चिह्नों की व्यवस्था करना तथा सड़क उपयोगकर्ताओं व गाड़ी ड्राइवरों के लिए दृश्यता में सुधार करना ।

Pilferage & special fittings in the rail tracks in South Bihar

1119. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the pilferage of special fittings in the rail tracks has affected the movement of goods and passenger trains in South Bihar; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to curb such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Fire in Bhopal-bound Shatabdi Express

1120. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently fire broke out in the Bhopal-bound Shatabdi Express in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details of the incident and the damage caused;

(c) whether any compensation has been paid by Government to those affected and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what action Government have taken to prevent such fire mishaps in the running trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Electric Panel in the rear power car of 2002 Up Shatabdi Express train running between New Delhi and Bhopal stations, caught fire due to short circuiting on Agra-Gwalior section of Jhansi Division on 25-1-92. The affected coach was detached at Banmor station.

(c) Since there was no injury to any passenger, the question of paying compensation does not arise.

(d) To prevent such accidents, instructions have been reiterated to electrical staff to thoroughly check control panels and other electrical equipment.

Hardships to passengers at Jaunpur Railway Station

1121. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of hardships faced by pasengers using the Jaunpur City station in Uttar Pradesh because of lack of sufficient lighting arrangements, improvised waiting room for first class, inadequate bathroom, non-existent second class platform on opposite side, non-availability of over bridge and reservation quota for trains like Ganga-Yamuna, Himgiri and Shramjivi; and

(b) what are the reasons for cancelling special bogies being taken from Jaunpur to Banaras for attaching to Kashi Express?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Jaunpur City is an electrified station with electricity fed from Uttar Pradesh State Electricity Board. Lighting arrangements and other amenities have been provided as per norms and are considered adequate for the present level of traffic handled at this station. Reservation quotas have been provided at this station by 3050 Amritsar—Howrah Express and 2427/2428 Varun Express trains. Besides, reservation quotas have been provided at Jaunpur Junction by 3283 Ganga-Yamuna Express, 3010 Doon Express 2449 Saryu-Yamuna Express, 9166 Sabarmati Ex-

press, 1094 Mahanagari Express, 1028 Dadar Express and 135 Bareilly Fast passenger trains, which can be availed of by the passengers originating from Jaunpur City. Himgiri and Shramjeevi Express trains are highly-patronised long-distance trains and it is not feasible to allot any quota at Jaunpur City by these trains at present.

(b) Difficulties of shunting at Varanasi consequent to extension of Kashi Express to/from Gorakhpur.

Cancellation of trains

1122. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of trains have been cancelled in the North Eastern Region of the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is fact that half of the North East is yet to be connected by rail links;

(d) if so, the reasons for cancellations of trains; and

(e) by when Government propose to link the entire North-East by rail link and to restore the cancelled trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a), (b) and (d) 8 pairs of trains have been cancelled on Northeast Frontier Railway to conserve diesel Locomotives for the peak season traffic or due to difficult law and order situation in the region.

(c) All North East states except Meghalaya have rail heads.

(e) The line from Dudhoni to Depa providing connection to Meghalaya has been included in the Budget for 1992-93.

Some of the cancelled trains will be restored during April, 1992 and the rest on getting security clearance from the Government of Assam.

Central clearance for projects and schemes from Tamil Nadu

1123. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the projects and schemes submitted by the Tamil Nadu Government pending for clearance with Central Government;

(b) the date since when these are pending and the steps Government have taken in each case; and

(c) if no action has been taken so far, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) A statement is attached.

Statements

List of Projects / Schemes received from Tamil Nadu pending clearance

Sl. No	Details of the Scheme/Projects	Since when Pending	Present Position
1	2	3	4
	NATIONAL—HIGHWAYS DEVELOPMENT WORKS		
1.	NH-49—Strengthening the weak two lane pavement at Km 21/0—26/0.		
2.	Strengthening the existing two lane pavement in Km. 207/570—217/0 on NH-7.	Feb., 1992	Under scrutiny.
3.	Strengthening the existing two lane in Km. 2266/00 to 268/00 on NH-45.		
4.	NH-45 R.O.B. & approaches at Km. 165/4 at Kandampakkam.		